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Proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Los Angeles County

Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation announcing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. States and counties across the nation also issue proclamations to encourage public awareness of child abuse and neglect. Similarly, it has been a standing tradition here in Los Angeles County to issue a proclamation recognizing the efforts of all professionals and volunteers who work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Sadly, each year, more than 30 victims of child abuse lose their lives in Los Angeles County – 85 percent are younger than age five and 43 percent are younger than the age of one. Child abuse and neglect impacts children and families from all cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, leaving lasting scars on victims and communities.

In recognizing April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month,” Los Angeles County joins the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) in bringing public

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focus to the tragedy of child abuse and neglect and creating an atmosphere conducive to preventing child abuse, protecting children and helping parents. Again this year, hundreds of children across Los Angeles County expressed their concern and ideas for child abuse prevention, and Child Abuse Prevention Month by participating in the annual ICAN Associates Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Art contest.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Proclaim April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout Los Angeles County to raise public awareness of the impact of child abuse in the County and to encourage residents to take active measures to prevent this devastating crime against all children.

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